

REMARKS

At the time the Office Action was mailed, claims 11-20 were pending. Claims 18-20 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a nonelected invention. Accordingly, claims 11-17 are presently before the Examiner for consideration.

Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement as follows:

- I. claims 11-17, drawn to a cosmetic and dermatological agent;
 - II. claim 18, drawn to a method for producing a cosmetic and dermatological agent;
- and
- III. claims 19 and 20, drawn to the topical use of a cosmetic and dermatological agent.

In response, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, group I, claims 11-17. Accordingly, claims 18-20 have been withdrawn from consideration.

The Examiner also required an election of species of one specific material of magnetically hard particles. In response, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, barium hexaferrite single crystals. Claims 11-20 are readable on the elected species.

Withdrawal of the outstanding restriction requirement and examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The currently pending claims before the Examiner are supported throughout the specification and are patentable over the prior art. No new matter has been added. Although no fee is believed to be due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437. The Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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